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**TITLE: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING SHEETMETAL WORKPIECES TO BE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

On May 9, 2001, Applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment that included a marked-up specification indicating certain changes to be made to the specification and a "clean" copy of the same with the changes incorporated directly therein. In response to Examiner Elve's request, applicants submit herewith clarifying instructions regarding the earlier requested amendments. The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Elve for her cooperation in resolving the outstanding question and furthering prosecution of this application. Applicants hereby confirm that the earlier requested amendments are as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-35.